



## COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY

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## TOBACCO STING CONDUCTED IN SAN LUIS OBISPO CITY- 5 STORES CAUGHT SELLING TO MINORS

On February 19, 2013 the San Luis Obispo Police Department, in cooperation with the San Luis Obispo County Public Health's Tobacco Control Program, conducted a city wide tobacco sales compliance check operation. The compliance check utilized the help of two local teens who attempted to purchase tobacco at 44 locations. Five clerks of the 44 stores sold tobacco to the teen. One clerk did not ask the minor for identification. This compliance check resulted in an 11.36 % illegal sales rate.

During the compliance check the five stores that sold tobacco to the underage teens were:

7-11 at 1301 Monterey St.

Cloud 9 at 584 California Blvd

Conserve Fuel at 254 Santa Rosa St.

The Sanctuary Tobacco Shop at 1111 Chorro St.

Laguna Smokes at 1560 Los Osos Valley Rd.

In the ongoing effort to reduce youth access to tobacco, consistent checks of this type are conducted in cities and unincorporated areas throughout the county. Under Penal Code 308(a), it is illegal to furnish tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18. In order to help keep illegal tobacco sales rates low, the Tobacco Control Program will continue to work with the San Luis Obispo Police Department to conduct compliance checks on a regular basis.

Anyone with questions regarding the sale of tobacco products to minors is encouraged to call the Tobacco Control Program at (805) 781-5564.

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